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LAYERS**

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed June 15, 2004, the Examiner provided an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Examiner cites a limitation from the allowed claims (namely independent claims 1, 16, 46, 53, and 54) and states that the prior art does not teach or suggest such a limitation. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's broad statement. Specifically, the limitation cited by the Examiner includes terms (words and phrases) that are not present in all of the independent claims, and, as such, all of these terms should not be read into each of the independent claims. Each of the independent and dependent claims is patentable based on limitations explicitly recited in each respective claim. No additional terms should be read into any of the claims based on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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